

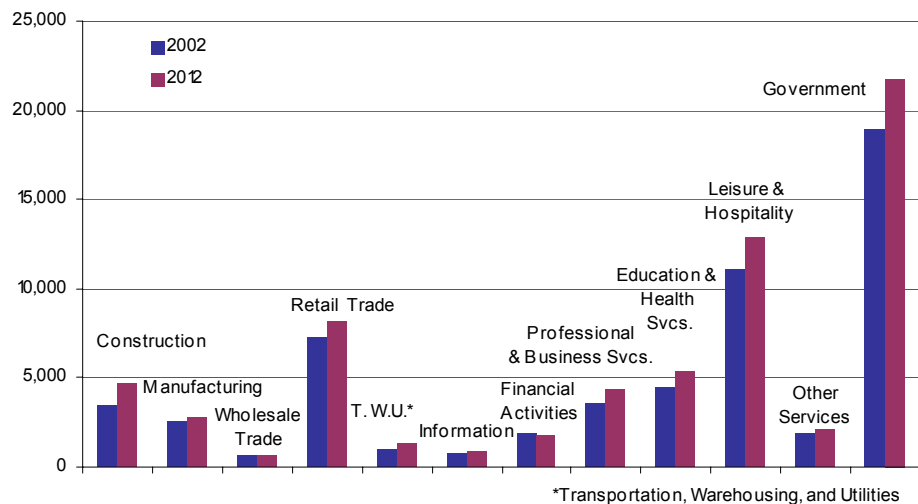
Mother Lode Region Projection Highlights (Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mono, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties)

Industry

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment in the Mother Lode region is expected to grow about 1.5 percent annually between 2002 and 2012, slightly less than the statewide growth rate of 1.8 percent. This growth will add almost 9,000 new jobs and bring employment to about 67,300 by 2012. Nearly 64 percent of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Government (32%), Leisure and Hospitality (19%), and Construction (13%).

Construction is expected to be the fastest growing major industry sector, growing at an annual rate of slightly over 3 percent. Other industries growing faster than the overall county average of 1.5 percent are: Information (2.5%), Educational and Health Services (2.2%), and Professional and Business Services (2.1%).

The graph below displays estimated 2002 and forecasted 2012 employment for major industries in the Mother Lode region.



Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Almost 9,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- About 15,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of approximately 24,000 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate almost 14,800 jobs. Of these 14,800 job openings, Sales and Service related occupations are expected to produce the majority of the openings. Cashiers and Retail Salespersons are at the top of the list and service occupations include Waiters and Waitresses, Combined Food Preparation and Service Workers, Cooks, and Janitors and Cleaners. These occupations are typically entry-level jobs. Higher paying occupations on the list include Teachers, Nurses, and General Managers, which require an associate degree or higher.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to outpace the region's annual growth rate. Occupations in Construction, Healthcare, and Personal Care fields are scattered throughout the list. Construction related jobs require moderate to long-term on-the-job training and pay over \$13 per hour. Education and training requirements vary for Healthcare occupations and wages are commensurate with education.

Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level

